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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Rooij et al.

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NUCLEIC ACID ADMINISTERED TO A  
SOLID CARRIER

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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted simultaneously with a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION.

**Amendments to the claims** are set forth in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** start at page 4 of this paper.